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**MAKING IT PLEASANT FOR PARENTS  
IN THE CITY OF CHURCHES.**

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**Another Charlie Ross—A Little Boy  
was Kidnapped Week Before Last and  
Has Not Been Heard of—Unsuccess-  
ful Attempt to Carry Off Two  
Little Girls on Monday.**

NEW YORK, April 5.—Willie, the six-year-old son of Mr. Asa Meek, disappeared from his home in Brooklyn more than a week ago. Many of the neighbors for days past have been on the lookout for him, but without result.

Mr. Meek said last evening: "We have not been able to get Willie home. He is a bright little fellow who could be trusted with any errand. On the morning of the Thursday a week I sent him out to buy something for me. He got just what I wanted, and brought me the right change. I let him go out on the street. He has not been home since. He has not played till dinner time. That was about 1 o'clock. I have never laid eyes on him since."

Even when he did not return to have dinner and supper the child's parents were not very greatly alarmed.

He had strided away and been found by the police. Once the boy followed a procession as far as East New York, and found next morning in the station house a man who said he thought that such a night as that again would be his, and when Meek dropped his work to him, and when the child he confidently expected to find him at some police station. The child went out to play at a time when the neighborhood children were at school and nobody seemed to care for him in the street.

"He has a stout and hard body," said his mother, "and a very pretty face." His brown eyes would catch you as soon as you saw him, and he has rosy cheeks and a light brown hair."

But the detectives have no news of the child. The only trace yet obtained was brought them by a Union Square man who employs named Titus. He says that on the same day that the child was missing he saw a woman crossing the Cathedral Ferry with a little boy answering his name. The woman was about sixty years of age, wore a red velvet light blue dress, kept a tight hold of the child, who seemed afraid of her.

Mr. and Mrs. Meek are poor people and cannot think what motive there could be

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about twenty-three, and Ann Collins aged twenty, and locked them up on the charge of attempted kidnapping. It is thought that they were actually in stealing the children, in the hope of obtaining a reward for their return.

**THE EARTHQUAKE AT SELO.**

**MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND PERSONS  
KILLED AND INJURED.**

LONDON, April 5.—Later dispatches from Constantinople report the effect of the earthquake at Selo as more terrible than was imagined at first advices. It is now stated on trustworthy authority that not fewer than three thousand persons have been killed and injured. The population of the town was 30,000, and when the first shock was felt, the people were terrified beyond description, ran from their houses and sought refuge in the more open places of the town, but the shock was so violent that multitudes were unable to stand, and many of the people were hurled and were buried beneath the ruins. The water in the harbor for a little time sank so as to almost show the bottom, and when returned with great violence, overwhelming the town in the vicinity of the harbor. The entire coast of the "shock" was more or less, and much damage is believed to have been done in the inland villages since before the Samian revolt was very prosperous, as it is now one of the richest and most beautiful islands in the Levant.

**Prominent Philanthropic Physician  
charged with treacheries.**

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—Rev. Thomas Miller, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church on Lehigh avenue and Dean of

Philadelphia College of Medicine and Surgery, and Dr. Isaac Hathaway, were arrested this morning upon a coroner's warrant, charged with criminal malpractice. The complainant, Mary Butler, 40, was in imminent danger of death. She alleged that Miller was the principal cause of Hathaway was his assistant in malpractice.

**Jones' Mission to New York.**  
WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Jones left Nevada, was not in his seat to-day. It was said that he has gone to New York to be charged by Congress with the mission of inducing Judge Robertson to have his name withdrawn from the Senate and appointee for the collectorship at New

Ork. It is believed the mission will be a failure. Vice President Arthur has returned from New York and occupied the chair in the Senate today.

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**Why Not Knitting, Alan?**  
CHICAGO, April 5.—The Board of Education of this city is considering a proposition to introduce sewing into the public schools, a resolution to that effect having been presented by Commissioner Dunne. It advocates the Boston plan.

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**LAXATIVE. János**  
**THE RICHEST OF NATURAL**  
**APERIENT WATERS."**  
**Baron Liebig.**  
**'SPEEDY, SURE, & GENTLE.'**  
**Dr. Roberts, Univ. Coll. Hosp.,**  
**London, England.**  
Ordinary Dose, a Wineglassful before breakfast of All Disorders and Mineral Water Deficient in Salts.